



1—Ambassador Jusserand speaking at unveiling of Jeanne d'Arc monument in Washington. 2—Children from the East End of London going to Buckingham palace with gifts for Princess Mary and her dance, Viscount Lascelles. 3—Arthur Griffith, elected head of the Irish provisional government. 4—George Wharton Pepper of Philadelphia, appointed senator to succeed the late Boies Penrose.

## NEWS REVIEW OF CURRENT EVENTS

### Erlend Resigns, His Arrangements With Lloyd George Being Opposed.

### CANNES PROGRAM IS UPSET

Polcarre invited to form French Ministry—May Fight German Move, torium—Senate, By Close Vote, Seats Newberry of Michigan, With a Rebuke.

By EDWARD W. PICKARD

FRANCE applied the beans last week. Brind and his cabinet are out. Brind is forming a new ministry with himself as its head. All the plans of the meeting of the supreme council at Cannes are nullified, at least for the present. Plans for the economic and financial conference may have to be revised. The Germans probably will be called on by the French to make the reparations payments when they are due or suffer the penalty.

Lloyd George at Cannes had agreed that Great Britain would make a guarantee of France against attack by Germany, provided, however, that the French ministry of marine and the British admiralty should reach a complete agreement on submarines and other naval craft, and provided that the French and British governments should make their foreign policies conform, especially in the near future. He required, too, that France agree to restore world economic conditions to normal, and to deal with Soviet Russia. These conditions meant yielding by France to British policies and at once a storm of opposition arose in Paris. Brind hurried to that city and after telling the cabinet all about what he had done and engaging in a heated controversy with President Millerand, went before the chamber of deputies and presented the entire program, telling its members they could take it or leave it. Then he bluntly announced the resignation of the ministry without waiting for a vote.

Polcarre, the main point of whose policy is "Germany must pay," was invited to form a new cabinet and got busy at once. It was understood that Count Lysterie would be minister of finance. He recently investigated conditions in Germany and believed the Germans can pay the reparations without a moratorium provided their budget is properly balanced and sufficient taxes are imposed to bring their taxation totals up to the level of those paid in France.

In all the European capitals and in Washington there was something akin to consternation when the news from Paris was received. The conference at Cannes automatically came to an end. The American government, which had not decided whether or not to accept the invitation to take part in the Cannes conference, held consideration of the question until there are further developments. The German cabinet saw the chance for a moratorium fading and was correspondingly despondent. The English were reticent but plainly impatient and relations between them and the French were strained for several years, were not improved.

THE allied supreme council decided that an economic conference to deal with the restoration of Europe should be held in Geneva in March, and that both Germany and Russia should be invited to send representatives. No sooner did this news reach Moscow than the soviet government hastened to accept the invitation that had not been formally extended. Foreign Minister Litvinchik wired the council that the central executive committee would proceed to select the delegates and would give them the most extended powers. Of course there was no doubt that Germany would accept the invitation of the council, and the Japanese delegates to the

### FOOD PRICES COMING DOWN

Figures Given Out by the Bureau of Labor Statistics Are Gratifying to the Consumer.

Washington.—Retail prices in 16 principal cities in the United States decreased 12 to 18 per cent in the 12 months ending December 15 last, the bureau of labor statistics of the Department of Labor announced. The bureau's figures show that prices prevailing last month in 13 of the cities

### EUROPE INCREASES HER FOOD

Old World Declared to Be Rapidly Returning to Conditions Existing Before the War.

Washington.—Europe is fast pulling up to prewar production in foodstuffs, according to a cable message from agricultural conditions abroad received by the Commerce department from Commercial Attaché Alfred P. Dennis at London.

The last year, Mr. Dennis said, was

### Washington conference announced that Japan also would be represented.

Already steps have been taken to start the rehabilitation of Europe. The economic committee of the supreme council has decided upon an international conference with a capital of \$2,000,000 (about \$8,000,000) with its seat in London and with a board of directors nominated by affiliated companies in each interested country. These countries, including the United States, will organize corporations for promotion only, with a combined capital equivalent to \$20,000,000 (about \$80,000,000). These corporations will serve as mediums for credit transactions and to facilitate the activities of private enterprise in all countries where the business field now is obstructed by lack of credits and disorganized finances. This plan presupposes the organization of affiliated companies in Germany as well as in the United States.

FINAL formulation of the naval limitation agreement in the Washington conference was delayed by several matters. One was a difference of opinion as to the methods of scrapping the 68 capital ships that are to be given up by the United States, Great Britain and Japan. Six optional methods are prescribed, and Mr. Baifour objected to the proposition of Mr. Hughes that the bulk of the retired ships be destroyed absolutely. The British were not willing to say yet what tonnage of the eliminated vessels they would convert to peace time use. No doubt was felt that this dispute could be adjusted amicably. Another cause of delay was Harlan Kato's desire to get further instructions from Tokyo concerning the agreement to maintain the status quo of Pacific ocean naval bases and fortifications. The question was as to what Japanese islands should be excluded as comprising "Japan proper."

Negotiations regarding China resumed last week by the Japanese and Chinese delegates and it was predicted an agreement would be reached before long. Consequently the delegates of all nations in the conference have been waiting up a non-power treaty dealing with Chinese affairs and especially with Chinese questions. It is believed this will delay the adjournment of the conference until the end of the month.

DAIL EIREANN having accepted the Irish peace treaty, the parliament of southern Ireland last Saturday completed the action by formally ratifying the pact, and the Irish Free State is in process of being constituted. Eamon de Valera resigned on Monday as president of the Irish republic and his re-election was moved. The man who last Saturday, for a few moments De Valera, appeared as a really great man, declaring he would loyally accept the decision, would do all he could to avoid embarrassing the new government, and would even help it when that was possible without sacrificing his principles. Later the Sinn Féin irreconcilable men persuaded him to modify this generous position, and the chances of unity in the ranks faded away.

Next day after a message of congratulation to Ireland from the pope had been read, it was moved that Arthur Griffith be elected president of the Dail and a hot debate ensued. Finally De Valera and his supporters walked out of the hall and the 63 remaining delegates unanimously elected Griffith. The new president at once announced that his cabinet would be as follows: Minister of finance, Michael Collins; Foreign minister, George Gavan Duffy; Home minister, Eamon J. Duggan; Local government, William Cosgrove; Economic affairs, Brian O'Higgins; Defense, Richard Mulcahy. These, then, are the men who will constitute the provisional government of the island to which the conduct of affairs will be turned over by the British authorities as rapidly as possible. The boters returned in the afternoon and De Valera stated, though he considered Griffith's position impossible, he would do nothing to hamper him so long as he did not appear to be subverting the republic. Later De Valera told a correspondent that he would refuse to recognize any government but the Irish republic

from which 1918 statistics were available had increased since that year from 23 to 59 per cent.

During the month from November 15, 1921, 12 of the cities reported decreases in food prices, two reported increases and the two others, Manchester, N. H., and Minneapolis, Minn., reported a decline of 13 per cent for the year.

Mobile, Ala., and Savannah, Ga., had the highest percentages of decrease in prices for the 12 months period, each reporting an 18 per cent decline.

Increased, with favorable growing conditions throughout December. Intensive efforts being made to increase food production, particularly in Belgium, Germany, Denmark, Poland and Czechoslovakia, indicate that Europe is fast pulling up to prewar production.

"Europe," he said, "is returning to prewar production faster than to prewar consumption. Import demands are limited by reduced consumption and sheer inability to finance requirements abroad."

"Average of other countries," Mr. Dennis said, "is fully maintained or

even if it was set up by vote of the people of Ireland, because he was satisfied that such a vote would not be free, but would be taken under coercion of a threat of war.

Already the British have removed the barbed wire and sandbags with which Dublin Castle was protected and they are transferring the records to London. Amnesty was agreed upon by the two governments and all Irish prisoners, including those condemned to death, have been set free. In a word, the English are evacuating Ireland as rapidly as they can, and they seem mighty glad to get out.

TRUMAN H. Newberry is rightfully United States senator from Michigan, but he spent too much money in winning the place. Such is the decision of the senate, reached by a vote of 40 to 41. The Democrats were solidly against Newberry and nine Republicans voted with them to oust him. But the day was saved for him by the addition of a clause to the resolution setting him, criticizing the acknowledged expenditure of \$105,000 in his campaign for the Michigan seat, and the fact that he had been elected to the Michigan primary and election laws that he was also elected to the state performing his duties as a lieutenant commander in the navy, that he had no personal knowledge of the expenditure of money by his friends in his behalf, and that he was astonished and grieved when later he learned that about \$105,000 had been spent in securing his nomination and election. He closed thus:

"As God is my witness, I am not in this day and hour conscious of having done, in connection with either the primary campaign or the general election in 1918, a single act that was in any way unlawful, dishonest or corrupt, and this I say to the senate without reservation or qualification."

SENATOR PENROSE's seat has been filled by the appointment of George Wharton Pepper of Philadelphia, and this selection by Governor Spruell has met with general approval. Mr. Pepper, who is a lawyer of distinction, has been prominent in the councils of the Republican party, but has not before held public office. He will be a candidate for election for the complete term in November.

In accordance with the rule of seniority, Senator McCumber of North Dakota has been made chairman of the senate finance committee to succeed Penrose, and the vacancy on the committee was filled by the selection of Senator Frothingham of New Jersey. That committee is still working on the tariff measure, especially the American valuation feature. A delegation of southerners appeared before the committee to tell it that southern business men had become confident that prosperity was possible only under a high tariff.

CHAIRMAN FORDNEY of the house ways and means committee announced the administration's plan for a soldiers' bonus. It provides for the payment of cash bonuses from the interest on the \$11,000,000,000 allied debt to the United States as soon as it, or part of it, is refunded into long term obligations. If the interest is not sufficient, the proceeds of the sale of part of the securities to the public will be used for the purpose.

ONE of the most important court decisions ever won by labor was that rendered by Justice Wagner in the New York supreme court, enjoining the garment manufacturers from combining to enforce a 40-hour week and a piece work system. This was the first time a labor union has invoked legal action to restrain employers from breaking a contract. Suits for several million dollars, representing wages lost by the garment workers who have been on strike for two months, will be begun at once.

Other declines were: Indianapolis and Salt Lake City, 17 per cent; Detroit, Louisville, Milwaukee, Minneapolis and Washington, 16 per cent; Omaha, 15 per cent; Bridgeport, Dallas and Philadelphia, 14; Manchester, 13, and New York, 12 per cent.

Decreases during the month ending December 15 were listed by the bureau as follows: Indianapolis and Salt Lake City, 3 per cent; Washington, 10 per cent; Bridgeport, Louisville, Mobile, Omaha, Philadelphia and Savannah, 1 per cent.

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Eva Couch, 15, Toledo, who last September shot and killed Thomas Nazarian, an Armenian, in a Toledo rooming house, escaped from a jail in the Madison county courts, was sentenced to not less than two nor more than 10 years in the penitentiary.

Deputy Sheriff Harry Turner, convicted of receiving a bribe by a jury in the Madison county courts, was sentenced to not less than two nor more than 10 years in the penitentiary.

## STATE SIFTINGS

Tiffin council adopted daylight saving time for the summer.

C. C. Cook, 39, Massillon, was killed when struck by a train.

Mrs. L. A. Marvin, 42, was found murdered at her home in Toledo.

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Union sheet workers at Youngstown received a wage increase of 1 1/2 per cent.

Hit on the head by a rock thrown by a bandit at Columbus, Ernest Cousins was fatally injured.

Mrs. Catherine M. Colough, 77, of Springfield, was killed in an automobile accident in Pittsburgh.

Joseph Welker, 22, was crushed to death when a steel box fell on him while at work in a steel mill at Canton.

Mines at Lahirg and Canaanville, Athens county, have been reopened, giving employment to several hundred men.

Jonas Vameter and wife are both on the grand jury which was impaneled at Bellefontaine. Four women are on the jury.

Six workmen were seriously injured when they fell 80 feet in the collapse of a scaffold in a new public hall at Cleveland.

Charles E. John, 55, retired grain dealer, has been recommended by Congressmen Calhoun and Allen for Elida, Allen county.

Philip Lamantia, 31, and Frank Lamantia, 19, were chloroformed and robbed by burglars while they slept at their home in Steubenville.

Mayor E. N. Farn, Republican, of New Philadelphia, announced the appointment of former Mayor William Kuenzli, Democrat, as safety director.

One hundred employees of the Big Four railroad car repair shops at Bellefontaine have been called back to work after being idle several weeks.

Orders were received at Bucyrus closing the Toledo and Ohio Central railroad shops until Feb. 1. Three hundred and fifty men are affected by the order.

Families of more than 200 miners are reported to be facing starvation in the Dark Hollow district at Forest Run, a mining town near Pomeroy.

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Body of a man of about 30, found murdered on the outskirts of Columbus, was identified as that of Carl Catt of Newark. Catt had been shot through the heart.

Guardian Savings and Trust company, Cleveland, took possession of the defunct Fremont Steel company properties at Lorain in the interest of unsecured creditors.

Mercer County Farm bureau has been sued for \$120,000 for alleged slander by D. W. Nolan of Springfield. Nolan claims the bureau condemned his animal disease remedy.

Thrown from a wagon in a run away when a team of horses became unmanageable, Charles McDonald, 17, son of William McDonald, near Miller City, Putnam county, died of his injuries.

Stanley Sawicki reported to the Akron police that three men he permitted to ride in his automobile while returning from Kent struck him over the head and robbed him of his money and automobile.

Body of Mrs. Hanna Phillips, 46, wife of James Phillips, was found frozen in the Mahoning river a mile from their home in Deerfield. Mrs. Phillips was riding in her automobile when she was killed.

Dr. Charles W. Cullen, 46, Cincinnati, manufacturer, former civil engineer and army surgeon, was appointed state superintendent of the budget to succeed W. Albert Davis, newly-appointed director of finance.

Thrown from an electric light pole caused Ernest Olsson, 35, mechanic, to become a human torch while he was draining a gasoline tank while he was working on the plant at Youngstown. He was fatally burned.

Matt Hutinen, 38, was held on a charge of manslaughter at Ashland following the death of Patrick Hagen, 76, former county commissioner, who was struck by an automobile alleged to have been driven by Hutinen.

The Hillsboro Dispatch, which Thurman Miller and W. J. Calvin recently purchased from B. A. Haynes, federal prohibition commissioner, has consolidated with the Hillsboro News-Herald, owned by Granville Barrere.

Charles C. Crabbe of London, Republican floor leader of the Ohio house of representatives and author of the Crabbe prohibition enforcement law, announced his candidacy for the Republican nomination for attorney general.

More rigid enforcement of the Burke law limiting truck to 10 tons in Ohio highways was urged by the Northwestern Ohio Surveyors' association.

George Pash, switchman, is dead, and C. C. Fuller, conductor, is in a serious condition as a result of being crushed in the Bellefontaine yards.

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William H. Angene, 61, Crawford county treasurer, is dead.

George D. Green, 40, banker, Wauseon, was found dead in bed.

H. H. Haskins died of food mill at Portsmouth was killed by fire.

A church basketball league has been formed at Washington, C. H.

Rev. William Taylor, 57, United Brethren evangelist, died at Lima.

Philip Fry, 15, drowned when he broke through the ice while skating on Sandusky bay.

Mrs. Martha Snow, an invalid, was burned to death when fire destroyed her home at Wilmington.

"Create a job" is the slogan of a campaign started at Cincinnati to help relieve unemployment.

Rev. William A. Hale, 74, pastor of Grafton Avenue Reformed church, died at his home in Dayton.

Attorney W. H. Dalley, 57, one of the leading members of the Van Wert county bar, died of pneumonia.

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Arrangements have been completed for a concerted drive by women against bootleggers in Cuyahoga county.

Arthur Town, 45, residing near Middlefield, Georgia county, died of injuries received while cutting timber on his farm.

Rev. Father James P. McCloskey, 52, for 18 years pastor of St. Patrick's Roman Catholic church, Toledo, died of a long illness.

Business center of Marblehead was threatened by fire when two large frame buildings were destroyed, entailing a loss of about \$12,000.

Michael O'Spooneh, 35, and Wastl Kulick, 35, were seriously injured when a motorcycle at Akron.

Bruno Nemeth of Modoc, Athens county, was fined \$2,000 and costs by Justice Helwig after he pleaded guilty to a moonshine charge.

Members of the Toledo Housewives' league have asked the new appointment of a woman as food inspector.

Philip Lamantia, 31, and Frank Lamantia, 19, were chloroformed and robbed by burglars while they slept at their home in Steubenville.

Mrs. Margaret McDaniel, familiarly known to many residents of Law, was reported to be suffering from "Peggy," died at Ironton, aged 106.

While returning from a professional call in the country, Dr. R. R. Semon of Port Clinton was held up by bandits and badly beaten and robbed.

Representative Homer A. Ramey of Toledo is preparing to introduce a bill which would abolish capital punishment in Ohio except in extreme cases.

Positive identification of the man found murdered at Dry Run, near Portsmouth, Dec. 4, as Henry Malone, was made by residents of Washington, C. H.

A statewide campaign to organize new leagues of women voters in communities throughout Ohio is to be made by Miss Gladys Pyle, national organizer of the league.

An indictment was returned at Napoleon charging A. H. Wyatt, president of the Automobile corporation of Toledo, with having violated blue sky laws relative to stock selling.

At Canton Richard Spain, 53, beat his wife over the head with a cold chisel, inflicting serious wounds, then attempted to end his own life by throwing his throat with a razor.

Arthur Brothers, escaped from Sheriff Redenbaugh near Ravenna by jumping from a train on which the sheriff was taking him to the Ohio penitentiary. Brothers was convicted on a charge of attacking a Brimfield girl.

Farmers' store managers in Ohio are arranging a meeting for the purpose of discussing questions of mutual interest and perfecting an organization for a closer alliance, according to the Ohio division of markets.

Edward Davis has asked George E. Fraker of Chicago, who assisted in drafting the reorganization bill, to conduct a survey into all state departments with a view to cutting down the present force of state employees.

O. E. Bradford, Xenia, president of the Ohio Farm Bureau federation, and L. H. Goddard, Washington, C. H., farmer, were named by Secretary Wallace to be delegates to the national agricultural conference at Washington Jan. 23.

Pilfering of mail boxes in the Bellefontaine postoffice was revealed by the fact that 12 of the boxes had cash a check. The boys admitted they kept watch in the lobby for boxes that had been left unlocked or in which fanners had left their keys.

Lucille Fackler, aged 9; her sister Jessie, 14; Roland Imier, 15, and Mary Imier, 2, were killed and 21 children injured, when a fire seriously, when a school bus was hit by a freight train three miles east of Van Wert. The accident occurred during a fog.

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